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CONTRIBUTORY PLAN TO PENSION CLERKS COVERS ALL NEEDS

Retirement As Gillett Bill Provides Best for Employees.

NO CHANCE FOR CLERK TO LOSE SINGLE CENT

Every Penny Paid In Will Come Back With Interest.

More Arguments for Contributory Plan

Contributory plan would cost Government \$1,000,000 a year for about fifty years and then nothing, whereas straight civil pensions would be a burden of \$30,000,000 or more a year forever.

Every cent contributed by an employee is returned to him with interest, whereas benefits of straight pension can be had only at the age of retirement.

Contributory plan affords protection to employee and family throughout and after his service in the Government employ, whereas the outright pension provides only for old age.

Contributory plan solves retirement problem and places civil service on a more efficient basis.

By HERBERT D. BROWN,
Author of the Gillett Bill.

One of the most important factors to be taken into consideration in an analysis of the retirement plans is the cost to the Government. As Congress is bound to accept the most economical form.

The actual cost of annuities for back services under the contributory plan probably will be about \$1,000,000 a year for fifty years, which is equivalent to an increase in the Government payroll of a little more than one-half of 1 per cent.

A special committee of the National Civil Service Reform League has computed statistics showing that the loss to the Government through superannuation in the whole classified service of the United States is \$1,200,000 a year. In the departments in Washington the yearly loss through superannuation is given as \$400,000.

A straight civil pension, as contemplated in the Golden Bill, will cost the Government at present \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 a year, and will increase from year to year, as the classified civil service expands.

Cost in Comparison.

It should be remembered that all things are only large or small by comparison, and that even \$1,000,000 a year for fifty years is a small sum compared with a permanent expenditure of \$1,200,000, which virtually exists if no retirement provision be made, or with the straight pension expenditure of \$30,000,000 or upward a year forever and forever.

These comparisons should be held firmly in mind as calling forth the cost—a most material factor.

Underlying the so-called contributory plan for the retirement of superannuated employees in the classified civil service are four fundamental principles. These four basic principles, plainly stated, are:

First—The funds necessary for the payment of annuities on services rendered after the adoption of the plan should be supplied by the employee himself, without expense to the Government other than possibly the payment by the Government of a reasonable rate of interest on the money held by it and the payment of salaries to the clerical force required to keep the accounts and distribute the funds.

Each Should Provide Annuity.

Second—Each employee should set aside the amount necessary to create his own annuity, without regard to

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WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Rain tonight and Friday; colder Friday; lowest temperature tonight about 40 degrees; moderate southerly winds, probably shifting to northerly Friday.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	42
9 a. m.	42
10 a. m.	42
11 a. m.	42
12 noon.	42
1 p. m.	42
2 p. m.	42

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 6:37 a. m. and 6:40 p. m. Low tide, 12:30 a. m. and 12:47 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 7:13 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Low tide, 1:32 a. m. and 1:27 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises..... 7:15
Sun sets..... 4:45

CONDITION OF RIVERS.

HARPER FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Both rivers clear.

To Head Committee



Photo by Harris & Ewing.
JOHN W. WEEKS.

WEEKS IS SLATED FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

Taft Decides on Massachusetts Representative to Lead Fight.

John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, is to be the next chairman of the Republican national committee, according to information received from those close to the President.

It developed today that the Bay State Representative was the choice of the President as Postmaster General Hitchcock's successor at the party's helm, and there is no question but that the President's wish will prevail in the appointment of the new chairman.

It is planned by the leaders of the party here, to have a special meeting of the Republican national committee in this city early in January, at which time a new national chairman will be chosen. He will at once take up the work of former Governor Hill, of Maine, who has been acting chairman of the committee for several months.

Friend and Supporter.

Mr. Weeks is one of the President's closest friends and ablest supporters in the House. He is chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads, and led the fight for the adoption of the postal savings bank bill in the last Congress. His splendid work in this connection strongly impressed the President, who at once marked him for bigger things.

Just now, too, Mr. Weeks is being talked of as the most likely Republican to succeed Senator Lodge, in case the present Senator falls of re-election. It is said that Senator Crane is supporting Mr. Weeks as a second choice, and if Lodge is not nominated on the first or second ballot, the organization will cast its votes to Weeks.

Hitchcock's Plans.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has refused to continue as head of the Republican national committee. He has told the President that he must either be Postmaster General or chairman, and that he cannot successfully be both at the same time. The President, therefore, has decided that it is more important that his Postmaster General run his Government job.

There was some talk recently that former Senator Hemenway of Indiana would be the President's choice as Mr. Hitchcock's successor at the head of the committee. Then it was reflected that Mr. Hemenway has been unwilling in his opposition to the progressive and insurgent in his party. He regards them as party traitors and will not fraternize politically with the wayward ones.

Seeks Unity.

This influenced the President to eliminate the former Senator from consideration as head of the committee. Just now it is the strongest hope of the President that he may once more unite the factions of his party. He wants all elements marching under a single banner when the fight for election of the next President begins.

It would not do, therefore, he recognized, to elevate a leader to the chairmanship of the national committee who would be instinctively arouse antagonism on the part of the very people whom the President is trying to bring back into the party fold.

Mr. Weeks is recognized by the President as a man of rare tact and excellent business judgment. Such a man, he believes, is necessary as the party's leader, just at this time, and unless there are unforeseen developments, the Massachusetts Congressman will be the President's choice for the chairmanship.

Woman Is Appointed, Hospital Staff Quits

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 29.—The appointment of a woman physician as pathologist at St. Joseph's Hospital here, today resulted in the resignation of the entire medical staff of that institution.

By the action of the physicians the hospital loses Dr. John L. Atlee, one of the best known surgeons in the State.

Yale Dramatic Club, Columbia Theater, Tomorrow, 2:15; hour on tickets incorrect. —Adv.

ELECTRICAL TRUST MAY BALK PLAN TO HARNESS POTOMAC

Present Owners of Rights Expected to Demand Fancy Prices.

BIG LEGAL BATTLE LIKELY TO FOLLOW

Project, If Carried Out, Would Be One of World-Wide Note.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The great General Electric Company, accounted the largest single constituent of the Electrical trust against which the Department of Justice is preparing a prosecution, is one of the powers which will have to be fought before the Great Falls of the Potomac can be harnessed to provide light and power for Washington.

This statement was made today by an official who is concerned with the engineering and legal plans for the big project. He expressed the opinion, after some investigation of the interests concerned with the engineering and legal plans for the big project. He expressed the opinion, after some investigation of the interests concerned, that one of the biggest water-power fights ever known in the country would be precipitated.

Engineering aspects of the work present difficulties which, if surmounted, will make the project one of national and even world note. But before these can be seriously attacked, the questions of legal interest and ownership must be decided.

It is reported that the present owners of interest in the power are determined to make the Government pay a fancy price for it, while a rough estimate of the cost of development indicates that more than \$2,000,000 will be needed to harness the fall and transmit its product of electrical energy to the city.

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ROUNDING UP UNDESIRABLE JAPS TO CHECK MANILA DYNAMITE PLOT

ONE DEPORTED BY ORDERS FROM THE MILITARY AGENTS

Another Held for Trial By the Civil Authorities.

FOUND IN HOUSE MAKING EXPLOSIVES

Paraphernalia for Construction of Mines Were Seized By the Officials.

MANILA, Dec. 29.—One Japanese has been deported as an undesirable by order of the military authorities, and another was today turned over to the local authorities for trial on a charge of having illegally stored explosives within the city limits.

The activity of the authorities in rounding down the latest alleged Japanese plot, continues unabated, but under orders from a high military authority everything possible in connection with the movement to rid the island of spies is being carefully withheld from the public.

The Japanese deported was discovered putting the finishing touches on a complete wireless outfit in the vicinity of the new naval station at Olongapo.

Station Carefully Concealed.

This station was skillfully concealed at a point on the coast which gave an overlooking view of the big naval station, one of the largest in the Orient. Its discovery followed the careful search that was initiated after Japanese wireless stations in northern Luzon were uncovered some time ago. It was detected when a passing vessel picked up an undetectable cipher message.

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MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM P. DUVAL,
Who Has Assumed Personal Command of the Search for Japanese Undesirables in Manila.

FOURTEEN KILLED AND THIRTY HURT AS BOILER BURSTS

Disaster Takes Place In Giant Ice Plant At Pittsfield, Mass.

TEN OF THE INJURED PROBABLY WILL DIE

No Gauges on Apparatus and Official Investigation May Be Made.

Pittsfield Horror Told in Brief.

Fourteen men killed and more than a score injured in boiler explosion.

Wives and children fight to recover bodies from mass of debris.

Cries of imprisoned workers heard by rescuers.

Force of explosion lifts big building far into air.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 29.—Fourteen men were killed and more than a score injured by the explosion of a boiler in the Morwood Lake Ice Company's plant, one and one-half miles outside of this city, today.

The known dead are:
WILLIAM DUNN, engineer.
EDGAR ALLEN, fireman.
JOHN RAYMOND, employee.
MARTIN SMITH, employee.
LEO DERMATZ, employee.
Eight unidentified bodies at scene of explosion.

Names Not on Rolls.
Owing to the fact that the company started to harvest ice this morning, the names of many of the employees are not on the books, and they cannot be identified until relatives reach the scene.

Practically the entire left wing of the immense plant was demolished. It was here that the boiler exploded. All of the injured were rushed to the House of Mercy Hospital, in this city, in wagons and automobiles. At the hospital it was stated that probably ten of the injured would die.

Two hundred men had reported for work at chopping and storing ice for the company. Engineer Dunn was getting up steam in the big 400-horsepower boiler and practically all of the men were in the engine room getting warm, for the weather outside was cold. Many of them were close to the boiler. Dunn had just stopped stirring the fires when the boiler burst.

Soar Like Rocket.
The engine room—an immense barn—was lifted skyward and with it the boiler. They soared upward like a rocket and the building fell asunder and dropped with a deafening crash. Those who saw the disaster said afterward that the building spread out like a huge fan. Many of the dead were mangled almost beyond recognition and every one had arms or legs missing.

Probably thirty were injured, although some of them were able to walk to their homes. The entire police and fire departments and every doctor in Pittsfield hastened to the scene of the disaster. All of the ambulances were driven at top speed to convey the injured to hospitals.

The majority of the injured were scalded by escaping steam. Coroner Colt was on the scene shortly after the accident and started an investigation. It was reported that information would be turned over to District Attorney Taft, of Springfield, which might lead to an official investigation.

No Gauges on Boiler.

Many of those killed were foreign-born. There were no gauges on the boiler and Engineer Dunn was compelled to estimate the amount of water and steam.

It is believed, that in the absence of gauges, the engineer allowed the boiler to accumulate too much pressure. The body of Dunn was hurled through the side of the building and his arms and legs were blown off.

Scores of people from the town and surrounding country, terrified by the force of the explosion, swarmed to the scene of the calamity. Wives and children of the dead men who were almost crazed by grief, fought to get the bodies from the debris.

Survivors of the disaster told harrowing stories. One wounded man said he was at work in the storage plant, when a noise like the firing of a battery of artillery sounded in his ears, and he was hurled against the wall as though thrown by a giant hand.

Then began a rain of wreckage, he said, which covered everything. An army of workers set to work removing the wreckage that covered the bodies of the dead and wounded. Cries could be heard from beneath the debris, which showed that some of those imprisoned still lived.

Flames at Annapolis Burn Business Houses

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 29.—Several business houses were partially destroyed by fire today, entailing a loss of \$25,000. The fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, started in a vacant building and spread to buildings occupied by a plumbing concern and a grocery.

SHOOTS HIMSELF EXAMINING PISTOL

Leo Fishel Found in His Home With Bullet Over the Heart.

Leo Fishel, twenty-five years old, is in a critical condition at Emergency Hospital, suffering from a bullet wound over the heart, inflicted when a revolver which he was examining and which he said was accidentally discharged, this afternoon.

Fishel, who is the son of Adolph M. Fishel, a military importer, at the Seventh street northwest, was in his room on the third floor of the family home, 214 Connecticut avenue when the accident happened.

Shortly after 1 o'clock Adolph Fishel heard the report of a pistol. He rushed to the third floor, where he found his son lying on the floor. Nearby was the revolver.

Blood was flowing from a wound over the boy's heart, but he was still conscious. The elder Fishel called for help and Charles M. Gates, a carpenter, who was passing, heard him, and summoned the police of the Tenth precinct.

In the meantime the young man explained to his father that he had been examining the weapon when injured.

He was hurried to Emergency Hospital, where he was placed on the operating table, the offices of a surgeon being immediately necessary in the opinion of the physicians. If the young man's life is to be saved.

STORE IS WRECKED BY BLACK HANDERS

Dynamite Used In Attempt to Wreak Vengeance on Italian.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 29.—A grocery store was wrecked by two dynamite explosions and two houses in the neighborhood were damaged today when Black Handers attempted to wreak their vengeance on James Mano, owner of the grocery store.

Several sticks of dynamite with half burned fuses were found near the ruins. Mrs. Mano and her baby were sleeping above the grocery, but escaped injury. Mano has been marked ever since he was victorious in a number of actions against his countrymen.

Four Injured When Hurled From Automobile

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 29.—Four men were injured while automobile-bombing today when their machine jumped over a bridge across the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks at Port Griffith, seven miles from here. Two were fatally hurt and two seriously.

REBELS ATTACKING HONDURAN CAPITAL

First Blow of Revolution Struck—Many Reported Killed.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—The first blow of a revolution that may involve three Central American republics has been struck in Honduras, according to private cablegrams received today.

An attack is reported to have been made upon Tegucigalpa, the capital, and many are reported killed in the fighting between President Davila's soldiers and the revolutionists.

The two other republics which may become involved are Nicaragua and Guatemala, the former because the larger part of the revolutionary army was marshaled upon territory, and the latter because the government is accused by Davila of allowing overtures for a port of entry for the filibuster Horne, which sailed from this city some time ago.

The present revolutionary army which is in the field is reported to be well drilled and armed.

Lee Christmas, the American soldier of fortune, who is reported to be in Honduras, are reported to be in the field at the head of the rebel forces. They are said to be well equipped with machine guns.

Davila is reported to have issued death warrants against both Christmas and Bonilla.

Puerto Cortez in Panic; Awaits Horne's Sting

PUERTO CORTES, Honduras, Dec. 29.—An armed ship, believed to be the filibuster Horne, which sailed with arms and ammunition for the Honduras revolutionists, has been sighted off Managua, Guatemala, according to a report reaching here today.

This city is in a state of terror as an attack is expected momentarily from the rebels. There are about 500 Davila troops in intrusions about the city but, according to reports from New Orleans, the Horne carries a number of big guns capable of demolishing the place.

Business is at a standstill and many residents have fled.

The Honduran gunboat Tumbigua, which has been cleared for action since the Horne left New Orleans bearing a filibustering expedition bent on the overthrow of the Davila government, today steamed from the harbor to seek the Horne and give battle.

The Horne was reported this morning to be off the coast of Guatemala.

Earthquake in Greece Does Much Damage

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 29.—Immense damage to property with probable loss of life, has been occasioned in the province of Elis, by continuous earthquake shocks.

The movements of the earth have been unusually severe, hundreds of houses and stores having been thrown to the ground. There is great panic in the province, and much suffering. Troops will be dispatched to aid of the people.

LOAN SHARKS' VICTIM ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Llewellyn Miller, Jr., Seeks to Escape Troubles By Ending Life.

Made desperate by the persistent demands of "loan sharks," into whose clutches he had fallen, Llewellyn Miller, Jr., twenty-two years old, tried to end his life this morning by inhaling illuminating gas in the bathroom on the second floor of his home, 423 Second street northeast.

Llewellyn Miller, the father, who is a carpenter, noticed the odor of gas which was escaping from under the bathroom door. Opening the door, he found his son, fully dressed, lying on the floor in an almost unconscious state. The gas apparently had only been turned on a little while, and at the Casualty Hospital, where Miller was taken in an ambulance, it was said that his condition was not at all serious.

Leaves Note.

Fastened to a pin cushion in the bathroom was a note which explained why the young man had found life a burden.

"When you read this I will be gone," it stated. "I am tired of the railroad office, tired of paying all I make to the loan officers, tired of continual night work. Good-by, L."

Behind the attempted suicide lies the old story of a young man on a small salary falling into the hands of the "loan-per-centers," who, it was asserted, had been hounding him for money for some time. Miller is employed as a night clerk in the freight offices of the Washington Terminal Company. He is unmarried and makes his home with his father and mother at the Second street house.

Made Sick.

"The boy was actually made sick by the persistent pestering of these 'loan sharks,'" said Mr. Miller. "He had not been able to go to work for several days. He was worried, and seemed so despondent, that I was not surprised when I found him in the bathroom with the gas turned on."

"A gas tube attached to a small heater had been disconnected, and the end was dangling by his head when I opened the door. The gas was turned on full, but I do not know whether he had had the tube in his mouth."

At the hospital young Miller declined to talk about his unsuccessful attempt to end his life. He said he wanted to die, and asked the doctors to leave him alone.

Priest Serves Poison Instead of Wine; 3 Die

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—By accident a priest in the Lutheran church in the Peterhof district filled the communion cup with sulphurated chromate instead of wine.

As a result, three of the communicants died today, and more than a score are in a serious condition.

WIFE OF DIPLOMAT IS CRITICALLY ILL

Baroness Hengeimuller Suffering From Appendicitis At Austrian Embassy.

Baroness Hengeimuller, wife of the ambassador from Austria-Hungary, is critically ill from appendicitis at the Austrian embassy in this city.

So serious is the rather sudden attack that attending physicians are undecided whether her condition is such that she can stand an operation. On the other hand, it is feared that the baroness' chances for recovery will be just as small if no operation be performed.

Inquiry at the Austrian embassy this afternoon confirmed the report that the baroness is in a critical condition, and that her husband and members of the Diplomatic Corps in general are greatly alarmed.

The baroness is under the care of Dr. F. Fremont Smith. Other physicians were called in for consultation today.

The baroness returned from a visit to New York only recently and had been enjoying the best of health until stricken.

Back to Baltimore Is Runaways' Song

Youths Who Came Sight-seeing Resent Police Interference With Trip.

Two young Baltimoreans—Benjamin Applefeld, twelve years old, and Samuel Betz, thirteen—who ran away from their native city because they believed every good and patriotic citizen of the United States should see the sights of the Capital of the Nation, but whose plans were rudely interrupted by the intervention of the police, were sent home this afternoon.

"They act just like we couldn't take care of ourselves," remarked young Betz at the House of Detention. "Say, me and my 'buddy,' we don't need no cops to look after us. We live between South Baltimore and East Baltimore, and any kid that can take care of himself there can get along in Washington. You can't take it from me, that's straight."

Applefeld lives at 523 South Caroline street, while Betz's parents reside at 51 South Caroline street. Telegrams were sent to the parents of both boys, and this afternoon sixteen-year-old Howard Applefeld arrived in Washington to look after his brother and young Betz.